

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In regard to the application of: Ari DEROWE et al.

Serial No : 09/701.531

Group Art Unit: 3736

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Examiner: Unknown

## METHODS AND DEVICES FOR VASCULAR SURGERY

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 09/701,531.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06, MPEP 1893.03(e) and MPEP 1893.03(g) and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies<sup>1</sup> of the art. This art contains information which the examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent. Applicants wish to point out that items 7, 21, 23 and 39 were cited on the PCT International Search Report. Copies of these items are not attached as they are available in the national stage file.

Although IT Publication No. 1215699 is in a foreign language, the US equivalent is not known to the applicants and is therefore not provided.

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that items 71-80 were filed between the international filing date of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00284 and the filing date of U.S. Application No. 09/701,531. It is not clear to the applicants whether these

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publications should be considered by the Examiner. However, for the sake of completeness, they have been cited on the PTO-1449 form and copies of them have been attached hereto.

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited (including any mentioned in Applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached PTO-1449 form) be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449 form, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(a), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))**

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**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

1.  The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application; within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

2.  The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after three months of the filing of a national application, or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; or after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurred last but before the mailing date of either:

1. a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, or
2. a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311,

whichever occurs first.

Also submitted herewith is:

a certification as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

**OR**

the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c).



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